

REMARKS

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 9-20 and 35-46. Claims 9 and 35 are amended herein. No new matter is presented. Thus, claims 9-20 and 35-46 are pending and under consideration. The rejections are traversed below.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph:

The Examiner rejected claims 9-20 and 35-46 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph as being indefinite.

Specifically, the Examiner stated that the "parameter based mapper" recitation in the claims is too broad and should be definite as we have stated in our Specification. Applicants respectfully submit that the description of the mapper file written in XML for a particular target Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system is only exemplary.

By this Amendment, pertinent claims have been amended and no longer include the language in the form rejected by the Examiner. Support for "a mapper file" can be found at least on page 22, lines 18-21; page 24, lines 5 through page 25, line 4; Figs. 5 and 7 of the Specification as filed.

Therefore, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

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On page 2 of the outstanding Office Action the Examiner mentions that U.S. Patent No. 5,557,780 (Edwards) is the closest prior art. Although it does not appear that the claims are rejected under a prior-art type rejection, in the interest of expediting prosecution, distinguishing features of the claimed invention over Edwards are set forth below.

The claimed invention is directed to a common integrator "integrating multiple systems" which implements transactions directly to multiple application systems (see claims 9 and 35).

Edwards relates to EDI which is the "automated computer-to-computer exchange of structured business documents, between and enterprise and its vendors, customers, or other trading partners".

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the claimed invention is patentably distinguishable over Edwards.

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CONCLUSION:

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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